

Radio 'Ham' Ben S. Zeig 1955 Wins Trophy

An Evansville "ham" radio operator was recently named "Amateur of the Year" at an annual five-state convention held in Dayton, O.

Ben S. Zeig, 2614 Adams-av, was one of two men receiving honors.

Mr. Zeig, an engineer at Electronics Research, shared the spotlight with a Columbus, O., amateur.

The Ohio "ham" received his trophy for teaching amateur radio operation at the Ohio State School for the Blind, Columbus. Mr. Zeig was presented the secondary trophy for his efforts in improving amateur radio operations here.

His accomplishments came last year as president of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society (TARS). On the strength of his contributions to TARS, the 75 members of the organization nominated him for the Amateur-of-the-Year award presented annually at the Dayton "hamvention."

The number of nominations was so great, however, that it was decided to present a second award.

About 1800 operators attended the convention from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia. Representatives from several other states and Canada also attended.

Mr. Zieg, who has been a "ham operator" since 1939, was honored because of activities that included the following:

Strengthened relations with Civil Defense; led in obtaining a house-trailer for use as a local emergency communications center; helped secure other equipment including a cost-free pick-up truck, and planned and staged a bigger "hamfest" and field day.

Also attending the Dayton sessions were Charles Werry, 311 S. Grand-av, and Fred Sawyer, 627 E. Virginia.

